

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

In Re: Liberty-Bell Telecom, LLC

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

DOCKET

NUMBER: 2011 - 365 - C

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DOCKETING INFORMATION (Check all that apply)

☐ Emergency Relief demanded in petition ☐ Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda expeditiously

☐ Other: _____

INDUSTRY (Check one)

NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Electric
☐ Electric/Gas
☐ Electric/Telecommunications
☐ Electric/Water
☐ Electric/Water/Telecom.
☐ Electric/Water/Sewer
☐ Gas
☐ Railroad
☐ Sewer
☒ Telecommunications
☐ Transportation
☐ Water
☐ Water/Sewer
☐ Administrative Matter
☐ Other:

- ☐ Affidavit
☐ Agreement
☐ Answer
☐ Appellate Review
☐ Application
☐ Brief
☐ Certificate
☐ Comments
☐ Complaint
☐ Consent Order
☐ Discovery
☐ Exhibit
☐ Expedited Consideration
☐ Interconnection Agreement
☐ Interconnection Amendment
☐ Late-Filed Exhibit

- ☐ Letter
☐ Memorandum
☐ Motion
☐ Objection
☐ Petition
☐ Petition for Reconsideration
☐ Petition for Rulemaking
☐ Petition for Rule to Show Cause
☐ Petition to Intervene
☐ Petition to Intervene Out of Time
☐ Prefiled Testimony
☐ Promotion
☐ Proposed Order
☐ Protest
☐ Publisher's Affidavit
☐ Report

- ☐ Request
☐ Request for Certification
☐ Request for Investigation
☐ Resale Agreement
☐ Resale Amendment
☐ Reservation Letter
☐ Response
☐ Response to Discovery
☐ Return to Petition
☒ Stipulation
☐ Subpoena
☐ Tariff
☐ Other:

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Docket No. 2011-365-C**

Re: Application of Liberty-Bell Telecom, LLC)
d/b/a DISH Network Phone and Internet)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Provide Competitive Interexchange)
And Local Exchange Telecommunications)
Services in the State of South Carolina)
_____)

STIPULATION

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see Attachment "A" for list of companies) and Liberty-Bell Telecom, LLC d/b/a DISH Network Phone and Internet ("Liberty-Bell") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose Liberty-Bell's Application. SCTC and Liberty-Bell stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Liberty-Bell, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.

2. Liberty-Bell stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Liberty-Bell to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.

3. Liberty-Bell stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.

4. Liberty-Bell stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area,

unless and until Liberty-Bell provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, Liberty-Bell acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. Liberty-Bell stipulates and agrees that, if Liberty-Bell gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then Liberty-Bell will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. Liberty-Bell acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and Liberty-Bell, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

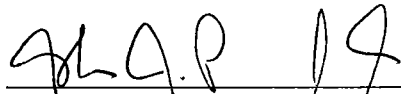
8. Liberty-Bell agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, the terms, conditions, and limitations of the Stipulation apply only in those instances where a rural telephone company's federal rural exemption under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1) is implicated.

10. Liberty-Bell hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 31st day of October,
2011.

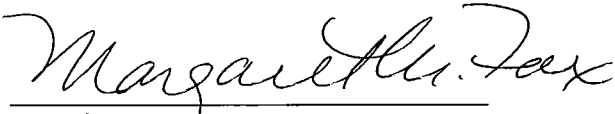
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ATTACHMENT A
South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies
for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

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Chester Telephone Company
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ft. Mill Telephone Company
Home Telephone Company, Inc.
Lancaster Telephone Company
Lockhart Telephone Company
McClellanville Telephone Company
Norway Telephone Company
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Pond Branch Telephone Company
Ridgeway Telephone Company
Rock Hill Telephone Company
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
St. Stephen Telephone Company
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Williston Telephone Company

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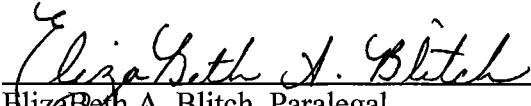
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**CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

I, ElizaBeth A. Blitch, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following party of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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